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(S) SAG PREFERS JAPANESE CANDIDATE: In a pull-aside on the margins of POTUS visit, Saudi FM Saud Al-Faisal told Ambassador Erdman that the Saudis would support the Japanese candidate, Ambassador Yukiya Amano, to become the next IAEA Director General. Prince Saud noted that the SAG felt it "was important to have someone in that position who understood proliferation, non-proliferation, and was from a country with nuclear energy."

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